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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2004. The shortened statutory period for response is two months from the mailing date, i.e., by June 2, 2004. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.